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Twenty-fifth Annual Statement January 1, 1901.

ASSETS.	
Bonds and Mortgages,	\$11,377,631 07
Real Estate,	6,892,770 35
R. R. Bonds and Stock (Market Value),	12,950,092 50
Municipal Bonds (Market Value),	3,757,966 35
U. S. Gov. Bonds (Market Value),	116,750 00
Cash in Banks and Office,	2,534,110 34
Interest and Rents, due and accrued,	333,007 21
Loans on Collateral Securities,	807,900 00
Loans on Policies,	471,891 63
Premiums Deferred and in course of collection (net),	1,357,872 48
Total,	\$40,599,991 93
LIABILITIES.	
Reserve on Policies,	\$33,724,393 00
All other Liabilities,	465,467 01
Surplus to Policy-holders,	6,410,131 92
Total,	\$40,599,991 93

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COUNCILS TO TAKE HOLD

WILL CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO RIPPER BILL.

The Democratic Members Believe That the Legislative Committee Has No Right to Have Its Amendments Introduced in the Legislature Until They Are Approved by Councils—Special Meetings to Be Called for Monday Night—Mr. Chittenden is Greatly Disgusted.

There are more complications to the local end of the second class city legislation problem about due. A number of the members of both branches of councils have decided that the amendments to the "ripper" bill prepared by the councilmanic committee should be approved by councils before being presented to the legislature and with this end in view special meetings of both branches are being planned for next Monday night.

President Calpin, of the common council, stated yesterday to a Tribune man that five members of that branch had signed a call for a meeting on Monday night and that he would issue the call for the meeting today. He further stated that a movement was on foot to have a special meeting of the select council called for that night also.

"I don't believe," said Mr. Calpin, "that this legislative committee has any right or power to go ahead and prepare these amendments without reporting them back to councils before they are introduced in the legislature. I don't think that the resolution providing for their appointment gave them any such power or implied any such power."

"Senator Vaughan, who left this morning for Harrisburg, has given me to understand that he will not feel himself bound to support the committee's amendments unless they receive the approval of councils, and for that reason I deem it absolutely necessary to have them considered by councils."

CHITTENDEN DISGUSTED.

Chairman Chittenden, of the councilmanic committee, appeared to be very much disgusted when told of the idea. "Well, well," said he, "now we're in it. Talk about your united sentiment, your harmony, and all that sort of thing. There will be a lot of it at those meetings, if they are called, and I hope they will not be. If they are, I am afraid that we might just as well give the whole thing up."

"It was hard enough, goodness knows, to get the six members of the committee agreed on certain amendments, without trying to get forty-two good men and true agreed upon anything. The resolution directing the appointment of this committee gave it the implied power to act, but I suppose if they insist upon having us report back the amendments, that we'll have to. It was delegated power and can, I suppose, be recalled."

"The Democrats, who are engineering this movement, have no reason to complain. They had an equal repre-

sentation on the committee, which was strictly bi-partisan, there being three Democrats and three Republicans on it. They had Mr. Roche, who is one of the best and ablest students of municipal affairs in the city, on the committee, and, as I said before, have no reason to kick."

"The hearing on the 'ripper' bill is to be next Wednesday, and we've got to agree on something before then. You can say that the members of the committee will fight for their amendments to a finish, if they are brought up in councils. I hope they won't be, because I think it would be detrimental to the best interests of this city to have any changes made, such as I believe an attempt will be made to have effected, if they come up in councils."

THEY WANT MORE POWER.

"I have no doubt that they will try to have amendments adopted giving councils the power of electing certain officials, as under the present second class city law. The sentiment of the representative people of this city is against this plan and in favor of centering the power of appointment in the mayor, and that sentiment should and must prevail."

"Just ponder over the complications if councils decide upon amendments directly opposite to those decided upon by the members of the committee. What can we reasonably expect from the legislature if we have two crowds, one pulling directly against the other? Nothing at all."

Before the announcement of the proposed calling of these special meetings, the members of the committee had virtually agreed to go down to Harrisburg in a body on Wednesday next to appear before the senate committee on municipalities. Mr. Chittenden, who was opposed to the idea at first, was won over yesterday morning by City Solicitor Vosburg and one or two of the other members who favor the plan.

Mr. Vosburg's contention is that Scranton should be as well represented at the hearings as either Pittsburg or Allegheny, and that it would not be advisable to send just himself down. He believes that if there was not a decent-sized delegation representing this city, that the members of the committee might be led to believe that Scranton didn't have much interest in the bill.

KINGSTON.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.
 Kingston, Feb. 1.—The week of prayer for college students has been observed during the past week among the Seminary students.

Rev. Vose, pastor of the Baptist church at Owego, N. Y., preached in Nelson Memorial hall Wednesday morning.

Rev. D. MacDonald, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Windson, N. Y., is visiting P. G. Simpson, of Seminary, today.

The ladies of the Methodist Episcopal church are preparing for a rummage sale in the near future.

Rev. H. S. Seckerson will preach in the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday morning and evening. The pastor, Rev. J. C. Murdoch is confined to his bed with the grip.

E. R. Morgan, who a few weeks ago suffered a paralytic stroke, is improving.

Pedro Gillott, professor of Latin and Greek in the Seminary, and who has

been sojourning in Cuba for several weeks, is expected to return in a few days and resume his work.

Spurte Boone is dangerously ill with pneumonia.

The Stroh estate was bought yesterday at public sale by Calvin Dymond, for \$4,100.

The Publicians, of the Seminary, give a public debate in Nelson hall tonight.

PROF. COLES FOR FEBRUARY.

From Sterns and Signs.

We wish to return thanks for the many complimentary notices we have received from the press relative to our January predictions fulfilled. Old Red Warrior Mars certainly did make things lively for this mundane sphere; and he will continue to annoy and afflict us during the current month; also during the month of March; and we shall be fortunate indeed if we escape a national calamity. Earth will pass directly between Mars and the Sun on the 21st inst., and will cause an eclipse on Mars—but don't let Tesla. As Mars is passing through Sign Virgo, which rules Turkey in Asia and Europe, Switzerland and the West Indies, we may look for great affliction in these countries. Mars can be seen in the eastern horizon at bed-time shining out like a bright red light, shining with a steady light which distinguishes it from the fixed stars. Mars in Virgo makes men very hasty irritable; often deceitful and revengeful; quite original in nature, and full of bold and scientific enterprises; and causes many diseases of the stomach and the bowels.

THE STORMS AND SIGNS.

Great sunspots have been forming over the face of the Sun during the past three months, causing the sun's rays to shine with doubled force in many sections of the country, resulting in summer-like weather; while other sections were in the throes of blizzards and hurricanes for the want of these stray rays. We have reasons to believe that there will be two or three breaks in these sun spots during the current month, and will cause destructive storms. The first break we believe will occur some time between the 3d and 12th; and the second between the 15th and 25th. These sun spots will cause phenomenal weather both in America and in the Old Country. If these breaks do not appear, and the sun spots still continue to increase in size, they will cause a widespread and destructive storm to sweep over land and sea, a storm that will do untold damage and cause the loss of many lives. Let sailors take warning. The southern states will be in danger of a blizzard.

COMING EVENTS.

Another large comet is headed for earth, and will be sighted by the big telescopes sometime during the current month, or in the month of March. Watch out for brilliant northern lights, as the sunrays, on account of the sunspots, will be doubled in that direction. Small-pox, skin diseases and stomach troubles will increase during the current month and cause much alarm. A new disease will appear in many sections; a cross between the chicken-pox and the small-pox; a combination of the Mars-Saturn sort of affliction. Accidents, conflagrations, mine caves, massacres and crimes of the darkest hue will continue to go on under the reign of the old redwarrior, Mars. But

the world is continually growing better, for the human family are more inclined to argue and arbitrate than fight like the ancients did when Mars influenced them to shed blood. Yet we find many on the lower plane, in this generation, who are always ready to use physical force when Mars demands them to do so. The combined force of capital will make some exciting times in the business world. American for prosperity, as 18 out of the 28 days of February, 1901, will be High Flood days for her.

VALUABLE INFORMATION.

The best days to perform surgical operations during the current month will be the 20th, 23d and 28th; and the next best days will be the 1st, 9th, 10th, 11th, 15th and 19th. If physicians and surgeons would familiarize themselves with this subject they would save many lives and much needless suffering. Never perform a surgical operation when the moon is passing through the sign in which the subject was born. Wednesday, the 20th, will be a good strong day for all those born in Sign Pisces; the best day of the whole month to begin any new undertaking. The best days to kill pork, beef, etc., will be the 20th, 21st and 23d, 25th, 26th and 28th; and the next best days will be the 1st, 2d and 11th. Do not kill at any time between the 2d and 9th, as the flesh of all animal kind will be undergoing a change at that time, and will not be in proper condition to be eaten by man. For when to trim grape vines, trees, and all such valuable information send ten cents to Prof. C. Coles, Kingston, Pa., and get a copy of his Storms and Signs.

THOMPSON.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Thompson, Feb. 1.—The 4-year-old child of Dr. Forest Empet, of the township, died Wednesday of scarlet fever.

Mrs. James Payne, the wife of Rev. James Payne, of the P. M. church, Dover, N. J., died there and was brought to Ararat, her native place, for burial yesterday. She was a sister of Silas Sartell, of Ararat.

Rev. Leonard Cole is able to sit up again after a week or more of serious prostration.

Russell Voightner, who has been so strangely handled for several months past, has not been able to leave his bed for several days.

Mr. Bliss, who has been in the mercantile business here for the past year, is having a clearing sale, preparatory to quitting Thompson. Rumor has it that he is going to Hallstead. He has won friends here by his gentlemanly way of doing business.

C. M. Lewis and wife and her sister, Mrs. Partridge, from White's valley, are spending the week in Blinghamton. Charles Leach has moved into A. O. Salisbury's house.

The camp fire at Jackson tonight will draw quite a few from Thompson.

A large delegation from this end of the county has been at Montross all the week attending court.

It is well for erring humanity in the country that there is a higher court than the average country cross roads affords.

Rev. A. D. David has been confined to the house for a couple of days with grip, but is improving at this writing.

THEATRICAL.

LYCEUM—Robert Mantell in "A Free Lance." Matinee and night.

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"A Free Lance."

There is no character, probably, that appeals as forcibly to theater-goers of every class as that of the hero who is really a hero, the gallant knight of the old romantic days, handsome, valiant and daring, ever ready for a joust and wishing any danger for the sake of his lady love. This is a character that quickens the pulse of even the most blasé and calls forth the aspiration of the gentler sex. All the world looks up to this sort of man, the finest type that history reveals. In the portrayal of such characters Robert B. Mantell stands foremost and alone. He has won his position by a succession of splendid performances in which great dramatic ability have been combined with a fine physique and a magnetic personality.

It is the opinion of Mr. Mantell and his manager, M. W. Hanley, that "A Free Lance," the new play that is presenting this season, gives him the best role he has yet had. The play deals with Germany in medieval times and is with original and strong in story. It is presented lavishly, the scenery and costumes being of remarkable magnificence. At the Lyceum this afternoon and night.

"All on Account of Eliza."

All those who saw "All on Account of Eliza," when Route Mann and Clara Lipman presented it in this city recently, together with many who failed to witness it, will be pleased to hear that the attraction makes a return visit to the Lyceum theater on Monday, Feb. 4.

"The Power Behind the Throne."

Miss Mildred Holland, well known to Scranton theater-goers, will appear at the Lyceum Tuesday night, in her new romantic drama, "The Power Behind the Throne." Special features of this production are the magnificent scenery and beautiful costumes worn by the company.

One of the costumes worn by Miss Holland is white ivory satin, Empire style, with court train. The trimmings for the gown are silver spangles in cut and flat effect and brilliant in solitaire and marquise patterns. The train is trimmed with a spangled festoon effect, each point being finished with a rose, graduated in size from waist down, the general effect being strikingly beautiful. The principal members of the cast besides Miss Mildred Holland are: Lilian Norris, Francis Brooke, Rita O'Neil, Frederic Ormond, Victor de Silke, Frank Drew, S. A. Roser, L. D. Wharton, Leonard Walker, Florence Ross and many others.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Sarah Bernhardt must have read that she is the greatest actress in the world enough times to make her blue regarding the receptions accorded to her by her audience. Nevertheless out of town correspondents send me word that in every city in which she has appeared upon her present tour she has acknowledged plaudits accorded to her by her audience. Nevertheless out of town correspondents send me word that in every city in which she has appeared upon her present tour she has acknowledged plaudits accorded to her by her audience. Nevertheless out of town correspondents send me word that in every city in which she has appeared upon her present tour she has acknowledged plaudits accorded to her by her audience.

There is Richard Mansfield, who stands majestically in the center of the stage without a tremor, looking extremely fatigued and gazing steadily into space as much as to say: "When these poor people are through making a noise I will go to my dressing room." John Drew also takes a certain call in a fitfully critical manner. Southern's demeanor at such a juncture is replete with implacable dignity. Julia Marlowe, though permitting one lovely smile to illumine her features, is in the side scene al-

most before the audience is aware she has acknowledged their tokens of pleasure. I don't attempt to insinuate that our stars are displeased with the favorable reception their acting causes; I merely suggest that they let it be possible for their observers to realize the exultation that is at the present time tolerably well stifled.—Frederick Edward McKay, in the Morning Telegraph.

Dan Hart's new play, which is now being rehearsed, is called "Melbourne," and the scene is laid in Melbourne, Australia. Mr. Hart says of it in the Wilkes-Barre News: "I know it is the most dramatic of my plays and contains many novelties. The theme is one which should appeal, and I think it will. The play was inspired by a book written by B. J. Ferlie, who is the son-in-law of Joseph Jefferson. It is not a dramatization, however, as I have taken an idea from the book and developed it along my own lines and introduced my own characters. As the title indicates, the scene of the play is laid Melbourne, Australia, and romance wanders under the moonlight and through the rose gardens in that far away other end of the world. It has as much heart as 'The Parish Priest,' but more pulse, as the serpent of villainy trails through the four acts, and I aim at dramatic effect and intensity. The company engaged promise to be the strongest that has yet appeared in any of my plays. I will have several productions next season, including 'At Old Point Comfort,' a play upon which I am now working. A new version of 'A Daughter of Dixie' is also to be produced, as is a play which I am to write around the life of 'Daniel O'Connell,' which will also be the title."

The Klaw & Erlanger comedy company with the Rogers Brothers in "The Rogers Brothers in Central Park," played to receipts of over \$10,000 in Minneapolis the week ending Saturday, Jan. 26. Klaw & Erlanger are already making preparations for the production which they will present this organization next year. John J. McNally has completed the book, Richard Anderson is designing the costumes, the models for the scenery, and the set designs have been made. The Klaw & Erlanger productions are all the result of over a year of preparation and are made on a scale that at once attracts popular attention.

Frank L. Perley, manager of Alice Neilson, the comic opera star, has closed contracts for the presentation of "The Girl from Up There" for the remainder of this season. The part of the Kings of Barlow, now played by Harry Kelly and Otis Harlan, will be merged into a leading role in "The Girl from Up There." This role will be impersonated by Daly, beginning next Monday. All Wheelan is another to leave the cast. The part of Captain Harlock, he thought, did not give him sufficient opportunities. E. F. Levine will hereafter play the role.

Walter's theater will end Saturday evening, Feb. 2. After playing Brooklyn borough, Springfield, New Haven and Hartford, she will be seen in Philadelphia for several weeks. Miss Manning's one hundredth performance will occur Friday evening, Feb. 2. Frank McKee will present every lady in the audience with a May Manning edition of "Janice Meredith," profusely illustrated with twenty-four scenes from the play.

As Dan Daly's starring tour under Charles Frohman's management does not begin until next September, he will play a leading role in "The Girl from Up There" for the remainder of this season. The part of the Kings of Barlow, now played by Harry Kelly and Otis Harlan, will be merged into a leading role in "The Girl from Up There." This role will be impersonated by Daly, beginning next Monday. All Wheelan is another to leave the cast. The part of Captain Harlock, he thought, did not give him sufficient opportunities. E. F. Levine will hereafter play the role.

The engagement of "Ben Hur" at the new Colonial theater in Boston has been extended. It will continue at this house till forced out by contracts made with other attractions that cannot be cancelled. The receipts are up to the "Ben Hur" standard and the advance sale is enormous.

Joseph Coyle, the comedian, who is well known in this city, has declined an offer to join

George W. Lederer's "Belle of Bohemia" company in London. The actor's reason was that he didn't care to leave America.

BACKUS TEAM VICTORIOUS.

Bicycle Club Rollers Were Defeated Last Night.

The Backus bowling team last night met the Bicycle club rollers on the former's alleys and before a large number of enthusiastic partisans of both teams won out by a score of 2,395 to 2,277 pins. Captain Hopkins, of the Backus bowlers, was high man with a score of 192 and an average of 180 2-3. Worden, of the Bicycle club, was next with an average of 168 2-3 and a high score of 189. The detailed scores follow:

BACKUS.		
Hopkins	174	192-44
Gorman	177	145-44
Cooms	174	168-49
Webber	172	162-46
Meister	169	166-43
Totals	762	808-295

BICYCLE CLUB.		
Wardell	167	150-47
Worden	173	139-50
Roper	130	151-39
Taylor	160	145-41
Moore	145	141-43
Totals	785	756-257

Peter Ziegler, proprietor of the Elk Cafe, had a letter from C. F. Meyer, captain of the Roosevelt Athletic Bowling team, of New York, that the original team would be here on the 1.55 p. m. New York train today without fail. The team will be as before announced; Meyers, Diederich, Wood, Van Ness and Pierce. The Elks are having bleachers built in the alleys to accommodate the crowd. There are a few tickets left, which can be had at Ziegler's or at Phelps' pharmacy.

WAS STRUCK BY TRAIN.

Frank Hannon, of Dickson City, Killed on D. & H. Road.

Frank Hannon, of Dickson City, was struck by a Delaware and Hudson train near the Marvins mine at 1.50 o'clock yesterday afternoon and so seriously injured that he died from his injuries soon afterwards. His skull was crushed in, several ribs were fractured and there were other injuries about the body.

Hannon was walking on the north bound tracks and became confused by the noises of a coal train on the north bound tracks and of a passenger train on the south bound tracks. He stepped from out of the way of the coal train directly in front of the passenger and was struck.

When picked up he was gasping for breath and life was practically extinct. He was brought to Scranton on the ambulance where the Lackawanna hospital train took him in charge. He died while on the way to the hospital.

The remains were later removed to Undertaker Cusick's establishment on Washington avenue. Coroner Roberts viewed the body and decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

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